

Table 4. Laborforce status of doctoral scientists and engineers, by field of doctorate: 1997

April 2002

Employment status	Field of doctorate							
	All fields	Computer and mathematical sciences	Biological and agricultural sciences	Health sciences	Physical and related sciences	Social sciences	Psychology	Engineering
Total (number).....	582,100	35,100	142,100	18,900	121,000	80,700	86,900	97,500
	Percent							
Employed full-time ¹	82	87	82	84	81	81	77	87
Employed part-time ¹	7	5	6	7	6	8	14	4
Unemployed, seeking employment.....	1	S	1	S	1	S	S	S
Retired.....	8	6	8	6	10	9	6	7
Not employed, not seeking.....	2	S	3	S	2	2	3	1

¹ Includes those who held postdoctoral appointments.

KEY: S = Suppressed due to too few cases (fewer than 1,000 weighted cases).

NOTES: Numbers are rounded to nearest hundred. Percents are rounded to the whole number. Details may not add to totals because of rounding.
Survey of Doctorate Recipients includes persons who had earned a research doctorate from an U.S. institution and resided in U.S. as of April 1997.

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